

The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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The Honorable Stephen J. Solarz
Chairman, Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

During [] 31 January appearance before your Subcommittee, you asked a question concerning the rural support for the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan. Because [] is out of the country, I am answering the question for him.

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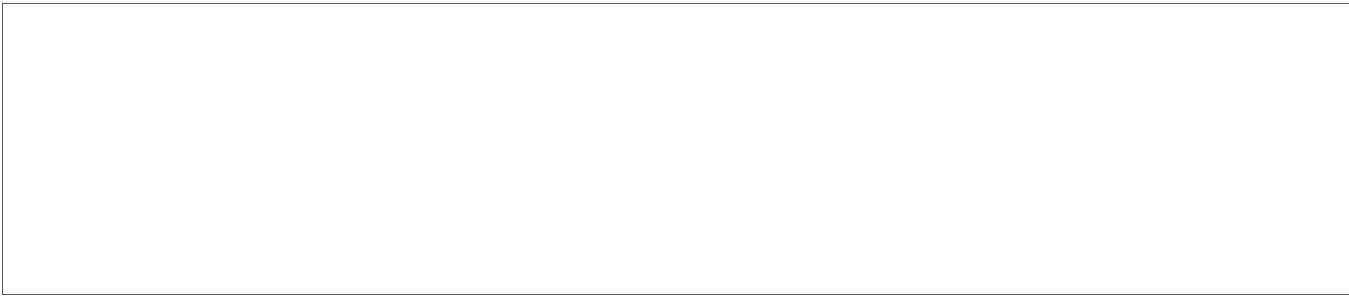
While the Liberal Democratic Party has always been considered and characterized as one based largely on rural support, a precise quantification of that has never been attempted.

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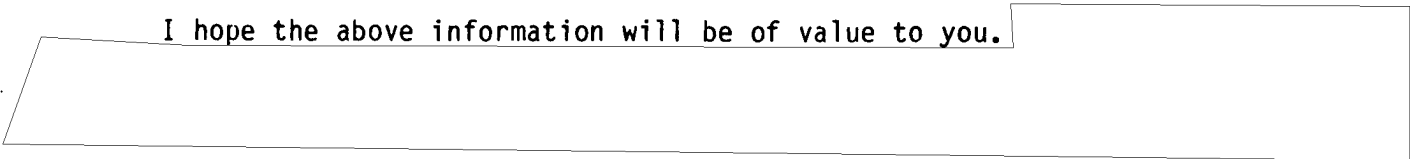
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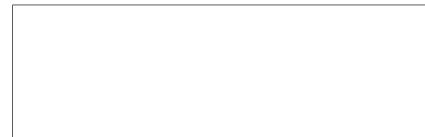
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I hope the above information will be of value to you.



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Sincerely,



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